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SUBJECT: LACK OF FUNDS TO RELEASE ITEMS IN DISASTER RELIEF
STOCKPILE

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1. AS YOU KNOW, LEGISLATION IS STILL PENDING WHICH WOULD
FUND INDOCHINA REFUGEE RELIEF/RESETTLEMENT. ON HAND
FUNDS ARE ALMOST EXHAUSTED. THEREFORE YOU ARE AUTHORIZED
TO WITHDRAW FROM AID/FDRC STOCKPILE UP TO 100,000 MULTI-
VITAMINS (VOLUNTEERS MAY BE REQUIRED IF REPACKAGING FOR
INDIVIDUAL ISSUANCE OF ONE MONTH SUPPLY CONTEMPLATED.)
OTHER FDRC STOCKPILE ITEMS AVAILABLE ONLY ON CASE-BY-CASE
REQUEST TO AID/FDRC UNTIL FUNDING RESOLVED. ANTICIPATE NO
PROBLEM THEREAFTER, SO LONG AS GOS DOES NOT USE USG ASSIST-
ANCE TO THEM AS PRETEXT FOR AVOIDING ITS RESPONSIBILITY
UNDER INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM IF NOT LAW.

2. PLEASE ADVISE RELIEF ACTIONS TAKEN BY GOS OR SINGAPORE
VOLAGS OR OTHERS TO HELP THESE REFUGEES WHO, AS NOTED REF
(B), ARE INITIALLY A HUMANITARIAN RESPONSIBILITY OF
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